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TEA GROWERS REGISTERED WITH TEA BOARD
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tea growers registered with the Tea Board, State-wise;

(b) whether a large quantity of tea is being produced by growers, who are not registered with Tea Board;

(c) if so, the estimated quantity of tea being produced in the different States by these unregistered tea growers; and

(d) the reasons for which these tea growers could not be registered?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) : The total number of tea growers registered with Tea Board at present are 71,606. The state-wise information on number of tea growers registered with Tea Board are as under:-

State	Number Of Tea Growers
Assam	1575
West Bengal	386
Tripura	265
Bihar	114
Uttar Pradesh	11
Himachal Pradesh	3679
Orissa	1
Sikkim	1
Arunachal Pradesh	40
Nagaland	42
Meghalaya	7
Manipur	6
Mizoram	5
Tamil Nadu	61222
Kerala	4214
Karnataka	38
Total	71606

(b) & (c) : Tea is also being produced by growers who are not registered with Tea Board. The quantum of tea produced by un-registered growers can not be ascertained in the absence of maintenance records by the tea manufacturing factories where the leaves produced by such growers are processed.

(d): The main reason for non registration is the inability of growers to produce documents in relation to the ownership of the land on which tea has been planted.